

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Francoise Vinet et al.
Title: SOLID SUPPORT FOR IMMOBILIZING
OLIGONUCLEOTIDES
Docket No.: 34176

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application, it is requested that the following amendments be made.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 6 and 7 to read as follows:

1 6. (amended) Solid support according to claim 1,
2 characterized in that said material is a mixture
3 containing SiO₂.

1 7. (amended) Biochip characterized in that it
2 comprises a solid support [(1)] for immobilizing
3 oligonucleotides according to claim 1.

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